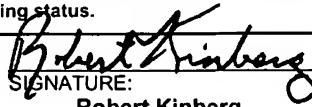


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>32128-227053 RK</b>
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/563249</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2004/007213</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>2 JULY 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>4 JULY 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>CONNECTOR SEAL COMPRISING RACHET TEETH</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Gerhard PREISENDÖRFER</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau (PCT/IB/308 form attached). c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)) will follow.		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:		

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<b>21. The following fees are submitted:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee ..... \$300.00 <input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee ..... \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee ..... \$0.00 <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$300.00</b>				\$	300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).				\$	
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Total claims		- 20 =		X	\$
Independent claims		- 3 =		X	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)				+	\$
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	300.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).				+	\$
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	300.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	300.00
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Amount to be charged:	\$300.00
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation, inventor declaration, Preliminary Amendment and formal drawings, will be filed in response to the Missing Requirements Notice. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>22-0261</u> in the amount of \$ <u>300.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>22-0261</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: VENABLE LLP P.O. Box 34385 Washington, D.C. 20043-9998 Tel.: (202) 344-4000 Fax: (202) 344-8300					
<b>CUSTOMER NUMBER: 26694</b>				SIGNATURE:  <b>Robert Kinberg</b> <b>26,924</b> NAME                      REGISTRATION NO.	
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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Application Number	Not yet assigned <b>10/563249</b>
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Gerhard PREISENDORFER
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Group / Art Unit	Not yet assigned
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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 300.00**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)**

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

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-20 ** =	X	=	
Independent Claims -3** =	X	=	
Multiple Dependent	X	=	

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1204	200	2204	100	** Reissue independent claims in excess of three
1205	50	2205	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

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1314	600	2314	300	Reissue Examination Fee	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
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1251	120	2215	60	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,160	2255	1080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	
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1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	

Other fee (specify)

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